

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES COUNCIL

MINUTES

January 23, 2004

150 North 18th Avenue, Suite 540-A

Members Present:

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| Michel Sucher (Chairman) | Jan Hauk |
| Mark Venuti | Dave Samuels |
| Bob Ramsey | Robert Vavrick |
| Kay Lewis | Willie Minor |
| Gary Bradbury | Gitti Silven |
| David Ressler | Kurt Krumperman |
| Charlie Smith | Taylor Payson |
| Marilyn Price | Robert Costello |
| Michael Frias | John Gallagher |
| Richard Thacher | Janine Anderson |
| Daniel Spaite | Mark Stroh |
| Therese Williamson | |

Members Absent:

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| Scott Butler | Jerry Stein |
| David Cheney | Scott Petersen |
| Neal Thomas | Michael Ward |
| Joseph Gulotta | |

Guests Present:

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| Stephen Powles | Jim Roeder |
| Toni Brophy | Jim Koile |
| Jodi Liggett | Brian Smith |
| Decker Williams | Rose Conner |

BEMS Staff Present:

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| Victor Dominguez | Judi Crume |
| Donna Meyer | Ed Armijo |
| Dona Markley | Ralph Graves |
| Peggy Lahren | Suzy Baulch |
| Chuck Kramer | Robin Jarvis |
| Tim Singleton | Joy Lehman |
| Betty Yunick | |

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair, Michel Sucher, called the regular meeting of the Emergency Medical Services Council to order at 10:40 a.m. A quorum was present.

II. DISCUSS/AMEND and/or APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Willie Minor and seconded by Mark Venuti to accept the agenda of January 23, 2004 with one change and the minutes of October 24, 2003 with no corrections. Agenda Item VI. OLD BUSINESS – MAI/RSI should read Information/Discussion item only. **Motion carried.**

III. REPORT FROM THE OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

Rose Conner, Assistant Director, Arizona Department of Health Services, addressed the Council regarding legislative and budget issues.

IV. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

A. Membership Update – Michel Sucher gave the Chairman's report. He announced that he has submitted his letter of resignation from the Bureau.

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. EMS Council Executive Committee Report – The Committee met on November 13, 2003.

- 1) **Reports Activities** – They focused on getting the final agenda and program together for the EMS Futures Forum.

Items for the next agenda of the EMS Executive Committee:
Exempt Rulemaking Article 8, Substantive Policy for Centralized Medical Direction, Expanded Role/Expanded Scope of Practice

- 2) **EMS Futures Forum** – The Forum was held on December 5, 2003. Approximately three hundred people attended. We have received good feedback on the Forum. The presentations done by Greg Mears and Eric Anderson are now on our website (www.hs.state.az.us/bems).

It was recommended that we start the planning process earlier for the next forum.

It was suggested that we add Best Practices as a topic for the next forum.

It was recommended that the next Forum be held on two consecutive days instead of a ten-hour day.

B. Education Committee – The Education Committee met on November 21, 2003.

C. Rules Committee – The Rules Committee met on November 21, 2003.

The purpose of the meeting was two-fold. One was to make minor revisions to the Exempt Rules in Article 8 to make them consistent with the new rules. The other was to discuss the rulemaking agenda for 2004. Air Ambulance Rules is one of the top priorities. The next meeting will take place in the next two to three months. They encouraged people to read the new rules.

D. Budget Committee – The Committee will be meeting some time in February. If anyone wishes to be on the Committee please contact the Bureau.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

- A. MAI/RSI Protocol Approval** – Toni Brophy and Michel Sucher have submitted the protocol into the rulemaking process. The pilot project will continue.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. eACLS/ Electronic Advanced Cardiac Life Support**

A motion was made by Kay Lewis seconded by Charlie Smith to support this as a way to be certified in ACLS. **Motion carried.**

- B. Expanded Scope of Practice for Paramedics in Clinical Setting**

It was recommended that the wording be changed: **in a clinical setting** to be more specific: **in a hospital, state agency, healthcare, facility** as defined in rule. Where it says training program, add the appropriate name as defined in rule, for whoever wishes to provide this education: “An **ALS** Training program that wishes to provide this education would include”.

A motion was made by Kay Lewis seconded by Charlie Smith to accept the concept for the Expanded Scope of Practice for a Paramedic Working in a Hospital Setting (what the definition says in rule) so that we may move and start developing the Expanded Scope of Practice.

Motion carried.

C. Request for Diltiazem Drug Profile and Curriculum

The Council recommended these changes:

- Line 4 – Class: delete “slow channel blocker”
- Mechanism of Action/Clinical Effects: change “increases circulation to the heart, and reduces peripheral vascular resistance” to “reduces coronary artery and peripheral vascular resistance”.
- Under Contraindications, add Beta Blocker Use
- The last sentence on the first page – delete the rest of the sentence after “medications”
- Under Dosage Forms/Packaging: Add “Powdered Form” – 25mg vial (2)

A motion was made by Kay Lewis seconded by Charlie Smith to accept as a drug profile (including these changes) and curriculum to be available to training programs (according to rule) who need this kind of information in a consistent form.

Motion carried.

A motion was made by John Gallagher seconded by Charlie Smith to add Diltiazem to the Drug Box as an optional drug and/or Verapamil, as approved at the prior Medical Direction Commission meeting. Because this item was not on the agenda, the Council asked it be on the next agenda. John Gallagher and Charlie Smith withdrew the motion and second.

Item: Addition of Diltiazem to the Drug Box as an Optional Drug And/Or Verapamil
Follow Up: Next Meeting
When: April 23, 2004
Who: Kay Lewis

D. Public Safety Communications Committee (PSCC)– Stephen Powles handed out the Phase I Interim Report, Statewide Radio Interoperability Needs Assessment. He stated that the full report is broken down by city, county, and fire district. The minutes from the last PSCC meeting are on the Department of Public Safety website.

VIII. GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

A. Primary Seat Belt Legislation – Michael Frias, from the Governor’s Office of Highway Safety, addressed the Council. He handed out a list of the Health Committee members so that EMS Council members may contact them to express support for the Primary Seat Belt Bill. He asked that the members call their own legislative representative.

It was recommended that an informational sheet with bullet items would be very helpful for the providers.

A motion was made by Dave Samuels, seconded by John Gallagher, that the Council make a formal recommendation to support the Primary Seat Belt Legislation. **Motion carried.**

ITEM: Letter Stating the Council's support for the Primary Seat Belt Legislation
FOLLOW UP: Letter
WHEN: As soon as possible
WHO: Judi Crume

A motion was made by Bob Ramsey, seconded by Charlie Smith, to send a letter reaffirming the Council's support for the trauma legislation. **Motion Carried.**

ITEM: Letter Reaffirming the Council's support for the Trauma Legislation
FOLLOW UP: Letter
WHEN: As soon as possible
WHO: Judi Crume

- B. Statewide Emergency Trauma System Legislation** – The Trauma Legislation was pulled from the agenda of the House Health Committee on Wednesday. Southwest Ambulance is having problems with certain sections of the bill and will meet with ADHS to work out an appropriate amendment to address those concerns. Committee members that want to show their support for the legislation may contact their legislator.

Discussion ensued regarding concerns over the trauma legislation and the need to go through the proper channels to solve any issues.

It was recommended that the Department play an important role in helping to solve these problems.

IX. EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES COORDINATING SYSTEMS' REPORTS

- A. Central Region** - The Fourth Annual EMS Odyssey will be held on June 10th and 11th at the Embassy Suites. The Central Region created Stroke Triage Guidelines.
- B. Southeastern Region** – There are three different agencies in Cochise County that are now up and running in providing aggregate data. They will be collecting one hundred data points at different times. This is a volunteer project.
- C. Western Region** - Mark Stroh thanked Dona Markley and Ed Armijo for coming to the Arizona Ambulance Association meeting in January to explain the new rules.
- D. Northern Region** – The Automated External Defibrillators (AED) from the grant process have arrived. They received 36 AEDS. Janine Anderson thanked Linda Barreras for all her help.

X. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

No one came forward.

XI. TRAINING OR EDUCATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Michel Sucher submitted his letter of resignation. Rose Conner and Judi Crume presented him with a plaque in recognition and gratitude from the Bureau and the Department of Health Services for his service.

XII. NEXT MEETING

The next regular meeting will be held on April 23, 2004.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:50 p.m.

Approved by: Emergency Medical Services Council

Date: 9/24/04